the first stage of the Krishna-Godavari project by the supply of natural gas to industries and more profits are likely to be made in future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the names of the industries to which natural gas has so far been supplied; and

(d) the main terms of the agreement entered by the ONGC with these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) No profits are at present being made from K.G. Basin; profits can be made only when oil/gas production and sale increase in future from this basin.

(c) ONGC have finalised the arrangements with the following industries for supply of gas:

	Name of the party	Firm commitment (Fig. in SCMD
1.	Delta Paper Mills, Bhimavaram	28,000
2.	A. P. Bagasse, Pulakol	9,000
3.	Andhra Sugars, Tanak	16,000
4.	Gowthami Solvents, Tanak	5,000
5.	Coastal Agro Ind., Tanaku	5,000
6.	Coastal Chemicals, Gowripatnam	30,000
7.	Jaypore Sugars Chagallu	40,000
8.	A. P. Sugars, Kavvur	6,000
9.	Southern Pesticides, Kovvur	6,000

A commitment of 0.4 MMCMD of gas has been made for APSED's proposed gas basesd power project. A commitment in principle has also been made or Nagarjuna Fertiliser Ltd.'s fertilizer plant proposed at Kakinada.

(d) The gas supply contracts are for a period of three years. These parties have been given a concessional price of Rs. 900/1000 M plus taxes upto 31st March 1989. There are also the usual clauses of contract on arbitration, measurement, shut down, *force majeure*, minimum guarantee of take etc.

Upgradation and sophistication of technology in the Small Scale Sector

2917. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is need for upgradation and sophistication of technology in the Small Scale Sector; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Technology upgradation is a continuing process.

(b) Government has taken up number of measures to upgrade the level of technology of small scale units. As an effective instrument for transfer of technology to small scale units, the following facilities have already been created.

(i) Process-cum-Product Development centres for glass and ceramics,

foundry & forging, sports goods & leisure time equipment, domestic electrical appliances and electronic products.

(ii) Specialised toolrooms for design & development of tools, dies, jigs, fiixtures & hand tools.

(iii) Regional testing centres and field testing stations for assisting in improvement of quality.

Export of products by Public Sector Industrial Units

2918. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of public sector industrial units which are exporting their products and the names of items being exported by these units;

(b) whether Government have asked the public sector units to draw up a long term plan to increase the export of their products; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and the response thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The names of public sector enterprises which are exporting their product and the names of items being exported by them are given in chapter 11 of Volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 1987-88 placed on the Table of the House on 27th Feb., 1989.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Collaboration with foreign countries to share latest technology

2919. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign countries have offered to share their latest technology with India so as to help our country for further development in industrial capabilities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the specific sectors in which the latst technology is proposed to be shared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Many countries have evinced interest in transfer of technology and many collaborations for transfer of technology in various fields of industry have been plce between the enterprises of our country and those of the foreign countries.

Details of foreign collaboration proposals approved viz., name of the Indian company foreign collaborator, item of manufacture, nature of collaof collaboration are published on a monthly basis by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement its Monthly News Letter. Copies of these publications are sent sent to the Parliament Library regularly.

The basic principles governing import of technology are that it is permitted only on a selected basis where need has been established for modernisation and upgradation of technologies for industries or where technology does not exist in the country or where the time taken to generate technology indigenously would delay achievement of development targets or for increasing export capability etc.

Approval of projects to increase oil and gas production

2920. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have have approved a number of projects to increase oil and gas production in the country;